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Bangkok, 24-28 November 2014

Annotated provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

A. Senior officials segment (24-26 November 2014)

1. Opening of the Conference

(a) Opening statements

The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and senior dignitaries will deliver statements to open the Conference.

(b) Election of officers

A chair, vice chair(s) and a rapporteur will be elected for the senior officials segment.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/L.1)

Annotation

The senior officials will consider and adopt the provisional agenda as it relates to their segment, subject to changes as may be necessary.

2. Review of the draft ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture"

Documentation

Draft ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture" (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/WP.1)

Report of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/2)

Annotation

The senior officials will review the draft ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture". The ministerial declaration is intended to be a pioneering instrument expressing the commitment of ministers to fulfil a shared vision that, by 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics systems (CRVS) that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development. In order to achieve that shared vision, the ministers may proclaim the "Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024".

The draft ministerial declaration emerged from deliberations of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, which comprises high-level representatives of Governments, development partners from across the region and the civil registration, health and statistics sectors. The preliminary draft of the ministerial declaration was reviewed by government experts at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 28 and 29 August 2014).

It is expected that, under this agenda item, the outcome of the review will be the endorsement of the draft ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture", for submission to the ministerial segment for possible adoption.

3. Review of the draft regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Draft regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/WP.2)

Annotation

The senior officials will review the draft regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific for implementation of the ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture". The draft regional action framework has been designed to accelerate and focus the efforts of Governments and development partners to improve civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific. The regional action framework contains key principles, regional goals and national targets that are to be set individually by Governments, action areas and implementation steps. The draft regional action framework also includes a governance mechanism for its implementation and the long-term architecture for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

The draft regional action framework also emerged from deliberations of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific. The zero draft of the regional action framework was distributed to Governments and development partners for consultations in April and June 2014, and the preliminary draft was developed based on the feedback received. The preliminary draft of the ministerial declaration was reviewed by government experts at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 28 and 29 August 2014).

It is expected that, under this agenda item, the outcome of the review will be the endorsement of the draft regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific, for submission to the ministerial segment for possible adoption.

4. Other matters

The senior officials may raise any matter not covered under the items listed above.

5. Special session: "Youth panel: Get us in the picture"

The United Nations Children's Fund and Plan International will host a panel of young people from across the region to explore the significant impacts that civil registration and vital statistics have on the everyday life of young people. That panel may make a declaration to serve as a call to action for youth and Governments across the region during the proposed "Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024".

6. Adoption of the report of the senior officials segment

Documentation

Draft report of the senior officials segment (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/WP.3)

Annotation

The senior officials will consider and adopt a report on the agenda items allocated to them for consideration by the ministers.

B. Ministerial segment (27-28 November 2014)

7. Opening of the ministerial segment

(a) Opening statements

The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and senior dignitaries will deliver statements at the opening of the ministerial segment, and a keynote address will be made.

(b) Election of officers

A chair, vice chair(s) and a rapporteur will be elected for the ministerial segment of the Conference.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/L.1)

Annotation

The Conference will consider and adopt the provisional agenda as it relates to the ministerial segment, subject to changes as may be necessary.

8. Report of the senior officials

Documentation

Report of the senior officials (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/WP.3)

Annotation

The chair of the senior officials segment will report to the ministers the outcome of the senior officials segment.

9. Perspectives and priorities for improving civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Challenges and priorities for civil registration and vital statistics systems essential for inclusive development in the Asia-Pacific region (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present an overview of the key themes of civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

Ministers and heads of delegations will be invited to deliver short statements to highlight achievements and challenges experienced by their countries in the area of civil registration and vital statistics, as well as outlining policy responses and future plans for the proposed "Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024", particularly underscoring their expectations of development partners and of a regional architecture for civil registration and vital statistics. Ministers and heads of delegations may also wish to share their country's current standing in terms of the targets proposed in the draft regional action framework and provide indications of what targets they will set to be achieved by the conclusion of the decade in 2024.

A joint statement will be delivered on behalf of the regional partnership of international organizations supporting countries in implementation of the regional action framework. Representatives of development partners may also be afforded the opportunity to make brief statements on specific issues related to the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics.

A consolidated statement will be delivered by a representative of civil society, conveying the recommendations made by civil society organizations for the information of the Conference, which will be based on the outcome of a civil society forum to be held in Bangkok on 27 August 2014.

10. Special session: "Ministerial round table on the role of civil registration and vital statistics in the emerging development agenda beyond 2015"

A ministerial round table will discuss the role of civil registration and vital statistics in the emerging development agenda beyond 2015, particularly for legal identity, birth registration, good governance, rule of law, statistics for policymaking and measurement, accountability, universal health coverage and health equity.

11. Adoption of the ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture", and the regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Draft ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture" (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/L.2)

Draft regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/L.3)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Conference will consider for possible adoption the draft ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture" and the regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

12. Other matters

The Conference may raise any matters not covered under the items listed above.

13. Adoption of the report of the Conference

Documentation

Draft report of the Conference (E/ESCAP/MCCRVS/L.4)

Annotation

The Conference will consider the draft report for adoption, which will be submitted for the consideration and endorsement of the Commission at its seventy-first session in 2015.

14. Ceremony to proclaim the "Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024"

Under this agenda item, the expected proclamation of the "Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024" will be celebrated.

15. Closing of the Conference

The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and senior dignitaries will deliver statements to close the Conference.